## EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE

**Rain Driving Tips** 

# **KEY TEACHING POINTS**

Many people do not realize that the roads can be just as dangerous during a light shower as a heavy rain. You see, the oil and grease that accumulates on the road mixes with dust and the rainwater to form a dangerous slippery combination. If it is only raining lightly, it can take as long as two or three hours before the oil and grease is washed away.

### **DRIVING TIPS**

- First of all, turn your headlights on. This is not only so you can see better, it is also so other drivers can see you better.
- Keep your defroster running. It will keep the inside of your windshield clear of moisture.
- Get the "feel" of the road and adjust your speed accordingly.
- Allow yourself extra following room. On wet pavement, a car needs more time to stop.
- Watch out for pedestrians. They are not as likely to see you when they are behind umbrellas and dodging puddles.
- o If you see a large amount of water on the road ahead, slow down! This will minimize the amount of water that splashes on the brakes. Remember, wet brakes may pull or stop slower than usual.

### **HYDROPLANING**

- Hydroplaning is a special problem that often accompanies rain. It occurs when the tires of your car lose contact with the road and ride on a wedge of water between the tires and the road. The car becomes completely uncontrollable. It can not be steered and it can not be braked.
- Beware of hydroplaning if the steering wheel feels "loose," or if you can see reflections in water accumulated on the pavement.
- o To avoid hydroplaning, slow down whenever the roads are wet. Stay away from puddles, especially on curves. And drive smoothly, avoiding sudden movements. You should also try to drive in the tire tracks left by the cars ahead of you. (But don't tailgate!)

### TEST

QUESTION		ANSWERS	
		TRUE	FALSE
1 Parking lights do as well as headlights in the rain.			
2 Allow yourself extra room when following in the rain.			
3 If you see a large amount of water on the road ahead, slow down.			
4 If a car is hydroplaning, it cannot be steered or braked.			
5 Do not tailgate those in front of you.			
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1. False 2. True 3. True 4. True 5. True